

## **Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes January 23, 2007**

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Harry Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Allen welcomed Perry Township Trustee Rick Amos as the host of the meeting at the Perry Township Community Center. Mr. Amos expressed how well the new Center was doing with senior activities and wedding rentals. He informed the members that the Center had been funded entirely by the Township with the hope of some funding being returned through a Federal program this year. Perry Township also had recently signed paperwork to purchase 24 acres to the east of the Township park. There are no immediate plans for development, but this lakefront purchase will make public property available for future generations.

Ms. Ellen Foley Kessler was heartily welcomed as our newest member of the Coastal Plan Committee. She is on the Lake Metroparks Board and is very interested in the success of this committee's incentives and plans.

Ms. Rachael Webb, standing in for Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells of Chagrin River Watershed Partners, was also acknowledged. Other visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Bud French, Mr. Jim Barchok, Mr. Michael Scruggs and Mr. Larry Klco.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present: Messrs. Allen, Cain, Gilmer, Klco, Kraus, Landeg, Noble, Rising, Sholtis, Stephenson, Tischer, Welch, and Mmes. Foley Kessler, Neale and Webb (for Dreyfuss-Wells). Staff present: Messrs. Boyd and Ms. Myers.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2006 meeting as submitted and Mr. Klco seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Lakeland Video Update

The marketing video is in the process of having more amenities added and less people by the Lakeland Audio Visual Department at the suggestion of this membership at the last meeting. The Lake County Visitors Bureau had provided additional lakefront footage. The video will be a little longer than the original eight minutes with more

narrative and script. Mr. Boyd said the draft video should be ready next week. He also asked the members for help to get in touch with any of the local cable operators.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Assistance from Local High Schools

A request for assistance from local high schools has been mailed to principals to see if they would be interested in asking students to participate in our project by letting us know what they would like to experience on the lakefront and, possibly through their graphic arts or art departments, gathering some of their ideas into images that could be used from a marketing standpoint.

### Business Forum Update

A letter has also been sent to the participants and invitees of the business luncheon at the Kirtland Country Club to keep them advised of what is being done by this Committee.

### County Port Authority Update

Responses to letters sent by Dr. Beverage requesting comments on the formation of a countywide port authority were favorable and a report was submitted to the Lake County Commissioners yesterday. It appears a Lake County Port Authority is in the making with consideration being given to consolidate the Community Improvement Corp. and the Lake County Economic Development Center into it. The next step appears to be a work session.

### Liaison for Existing Port Authorities

A Crain's Cleveland Business article entitled "*County may get its wish for port board realignment*" spurred conversation on the fairness of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority board appointments not reflecting a true regional effort. The Lake County Board of Commissioners will be making all Board appointments to the Lake County Port Authority and they appear to be open to recommendations and information. They may have a public work session to hear comments before formally establishing the port authority. Mr. Boyd offered his services to the existing port authorities as a liaison between them and the Commissioners to formalize their needs. Both Mr. Cain of the Eastlake Port Authority and Mr. Sholtis of the Fairport Harbor Port Authority welcomed this offer. Our goal is to define the needs and desires of the existing authorities so there could possibly be formal agreements with all the existing port authorities.

When the report that Dr. Beverage's group submitted to the Commissioners has been released, Mr. Boyd will make it available to everyone.

### CMAG Grants

Mr. Barchok stated there is new leadership (Mr. Sean Logan) in the ODNR Office of Coastal Management and the criteria needed for grant applications for this year should be known in February. He believed the system will probably not be changed.

It was the consensus of the Committee that a luncheon meeting should be made in Columbus to make our incentives known to Mr. Logan.

#### Community Updates

*Willowick* – Mr. Rising – The Larimar Lakefront Neighborhood Subdivision has sold units already. There will be future individual units that will be priced at \$350,000, \$750,000 and possibly up to \$1 million as they get closer to the Lake. They are taking down the west end of the Shoregate Shopping Center. Willowick is looking to purchase property to build a new fire station.

*Mentor Yacht Club* – Mr. Stephenson – They are anticipating the need for dredging the channel in the Spring.

*Mentor* – Mr. Kraus – They are also envisioning the need for Spring dredging. The City has secured the purchase of about 2.5 acres from the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club adjacent to the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve, which will complete the preserve and that may be used for future public docking and possibly a future visitor interpretation center for the Mentor Marsh.

*Fairport Harbor Port Authority* – Mr. Sholtis – They were notified of the Corps commercial dredging this year. Because the Corps insists on dumping the silt four miles out in the Lake in front of the mouth of the river, it adds to the dredging process for the Port Authority as it filters back. Mr. Allen offered the Committee's help in talking to the Corps about dumping the dredged material closer to shore.

*Painesville Twp.* – Lakeview Bluffs is still moving ahead with shoreline improvements. It is expected the first pod of residential units will probably get started the first part of 2008 with single-family units. Various golf course holes are already rough graded. Mr. Allen and Mr. Boyd will get together with Hemisphere people next week to see if they can help with a possible match for grant funds.

*N. Perry Village* – Mr. Tischer – ODNR, EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved their dock project, but they were only given a three-month window to complete it and, because of wildlife disturbance issues, the work will have to be done during the boating season. – Mr. Klco – Bids are to be in by the 17<sup>th</sup>. They are planning to have a work session. He hopes to see a lot of action in the Village in the next few months.

The barrier island project was installed east of the Township Park in Madison. The islands are maintaining as though nothing is affecting them and the shoreline is being protected. No one knew who designed the barrier islands. Mr. Boyd had heard from two lakefront property owners who were looking for plans on barrier islands. He feels we should be encouraging this design vs. armor stone even though it is more expensive. It works if the sand is renourished and will keep the neighbors happy.

*Chagrin River Watershed Partners* – Mr. Cain – The River area is very small and they are considering including Ashtabula and Geauga counties to incorporate more groups for a larger grant ask.

Mr. Allen said it was time to start targeting on the “ask”. The private sector has given our initiative a positive response and may provide monetary support. Concentrate on what we can do here first and, with success, let it transfer to help our neighbors.

Mr. Noble thought all new legislative and political entities should be briefed on our venture, especially U. S. Senator, Mr. Sherrod Brown.

Mr. Landeg reported that the Engineer’s office is still in recovery mode because of the July flood. It will be a while before they will be able to continue their original infrastructure plans. Homeland funds cannot be used for infrastructure.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Where it is to be held will be determined.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Gilmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and Ms. Neale seconded the motion.

All voted “Aye”.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Members are to help Mr. Boyd get in touch with any of the local cable operators.
- Mr. Boyd will be an existing port authority liaison for Eastlake and Fairport.
- Dr. Beverage’s committee report will be made available by Mr. Boyd when it has been released.
- An effort is to be made to brief new legislative entities on our incentive.
- The video should be done next week.
- Messrs. Allen and Boyd to meet with Hemisphere.